



RESOLUTION #2022-2023-009

**PROCLAIMING THE CELEBRATION OF
BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

WHEREAS, Black History Month in the United States is a historic tradition beginning in 1926 when historian Carter G. Woodson and the Association of Negro Life and History dedicated the second week in February as “Negro History Week”;

WHEREAS, in 1976, as part of the nation’s bicentennial, Black History Week was expanded and became established as Black History Month, and is now celebrated all over North America;

WHEREAS, the rich inventions, courage, resolve, and cultural influences delivered to the nation by African Americans have been traditionally recognized regionally by the state of Oregon;

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that all citizens reflect upon, cherish, and sustain the contributions that black individuals – both past and contemporary – have made to our nation: Marian Anderson; Maya Angelou; Louis Armstrong; Mary McLeod Bethune; Frederick Douglass; Duke Ellington; Louis Gossett, Jr.; Alex Haley; Vice President Kamala Harris; Zora Neale Hurston; Thurgood Marshall; President Barack Obama; Colin Powell; Rosa Parks; Leontyne Price; Paul Robeson; Alice Walker; Phyllis Wheatley; and many more; and;

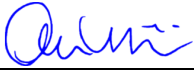
WHEREAS, such people have sacrificed so that we may progress and be inspired during hard times, and encouraged to celebrate and rejoice during happy times; now, therefore,

WHEREAS the theme for Black History Month 2023 is *Black Resistance*, established by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH). This year’s theme acknowledges that African Americans and Black Americans have resisted historic and ongoing oppression in all forms. The 1950s and 1970s in the United States was defined by actions such as sit-ins, boycotts, walk outs, strikes by Black people and allies in the fight for justice against discrimination in all sectors of society. Black people have sought ways to nurture and protect Black lives, and for autonomy of their physical and intellectual bodies through social justice and resistance, voluntary emigration, nonviolence, education, literature, the arts, sports, media, legislation, and politics. Black led institutions and affiliations have also lobbied, litigated, legislated, protested, and achieved success.

BE IT RESOLVED that Reynolds School District does hereby proclaim February 2023 as Black History Month. The struggles and achievements of Black people and their role in America’s history profoundly influences and enriches the culture of the United States. Reynolds School District acknowledges these contributions and reaffirms its ongoing commitment to building awareness and an inclusive society.

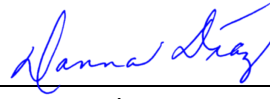
Adopted this 25th day of January 2023.

Signed:



Chair, RSD District Board of Directors

Attest:



Superintendent/Clerk